ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Pine Barren Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

ACKERVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, ACKERVILLE, ALA.

SEPTEMBER 14, 15, 16, 1898.

OFFICERS.

D. W. RAMSEY, Moderator.....Pine Apple, Ala.
J. G. REYNOLDS, Clerk.....Forest Home, Ala.
W. A. J. ALBRITTON, Treasurer.....Ackerville, Ala.

The next session will be held with Friendship Baptist Church, Pine Apple, Ala., Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1899.

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NAMES AND POST OFFICES OF MINISTERS.

Dr. D. W. Ramsey ..... Pine Apple, Ala.
W. N. Huckabee ..... Pine Apple, Ala.
J. I. Kendrick ..... Furman, Ala.
W. A. Parker, Jr. ..... Forest Home, Ala.
A. P. Majors ..... Chestnut, Ala.
I. S. Ridgeway ..... Turkestan, Ala.
W. L. Fort ..... Turkestan, Ala.
S. Moore ..... Butler Springs, Ala.
F. M. Fletcher ..... Camden, Ala.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

J. I. Kendrick, Chairman ..... Furman, Ala.
J. K. P. Robson, J. L. Skinner ..... Furman, Ala.
W. H. Watt ..... Forest Home, Ala.
J. E. Knight ..... Monterey, Ala.

APPOINTEES.

Annual Sermon—D. W. Ramsey, Pine Apple, Ala.; alternate, A. P. Majors.

Missionary Sermon, 11 a. m. Thursday—J. I. Kendrick, Furman, Ala.; alternate, F. M. Fletcher.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—W. A. Parker, Jr., Forest Home, Ala.; alternate, J. G. Reynolds.

(See Article 33.)

MINUTES.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 1898.

MORNING SESSION.

1. At ten o'clock a. m. Wednesday, Sept. 14th, the Pine Barren Association convened in its forty ninth annual session with the Ackerville Baptist church, Ackerville, Wilcox Co., Ala.

2. Devotional exercises conducted by Bro. J.W. Stewart, of Evergreen, Ala.

3. Introductory sermon preached by Bro. W. N. Huckabee, from Romans 13th chapter, 12th verse.

4. The Association adjourned to meet at 1:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. W. D. Hubbard.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

5. At 1:30 the Association was called to order by Dr. D. W. Ramsey, former Moderator. Prayer by Bro. E. I. Bailey, Sr.

6. The following brethren were appointed to read the church letters: W. A. Barker, Jr., J. K. P. Robson, J. W. Riley, Jr.

Messengers enrolled as follows:—

7. FIRST DISTRICT.

Ackerville—W. A. J. Stewart, C. T. Little, W. A. J. Albritton, S. C. Powell.
Allenton—D. H. Adams.
Bethsaida— J. I. Kendrick, Thos. Lee, J. L. Watson, T. E. Watson, D. W. Watson, B. W. Watson, J. K. P. Robson.
Camden—E. I. Bailey, Sr., J. W. Hawthorn.
Fellowship—J. W. Luckie, Donald Steen.
Monterey—Not represented.
Pine Level—By letter.
Pleasant Hill—Felix Tate, Arnett Ray.
Rockwest—Floyd Cook.

8. SECOND DISTRICT.

Bear Creek—D. C. Saddler, Frank Melton, F. I. Defee.
Butler Springs—J. L. Henderson.
Enon—W. W. Stewart, J. J. E. Watson, T. A. Cowart, R. E. Warren.
Forest Home—W. A. Parker, Jr., W. H. Watt, J. G. Reynolds, J. L. Glenn.
Friendship—D. W. Ramsey, W. N. Huckabee, C. F. Brown, J. F. Fore, S. N. Stanford, P. Williams, C. Hardy, J. F. Melton.

Gulletts Bluff—C. C. Sellers, Jr., 1; C. C. Sellers, Jr., 2.
Mt. Pisgah—Not represented.
New Providence—By letter.
Shackleville—Not represented.

9. THIRD DISTRICT.

Bell's Landing– By letter.
Bethel—Not represented.
Concord—D. C. Burson, B. E. Burson, J. D. Fort, Ernest Hestle. J. W. Riley, Jr.
Flat Creek—By letter.
Indian Springs—J. H. Fore, David Maxwell.
Midway—M. L. McClammy, J. C. Anthony.
Mt. Pleasant—W. H. Baily, S. J. Bird, R. E. Coleman.
New Hope—W. R. Maxwell.
Pineville—J. B. Harper.
Spring Hill—By letter.

10. The Association proceeded to the election of officers. The former Moderator and Clerk, D. W. Ramsey and J. G. Reynolds, were re-elected. W. A. J. Albritton was elected Treasurer to succeed Jno. W. Purifoy, deceased.

11. Bro. Jas. I. Kendrick, in behalf of the church and citizens of Ackerville, extended to the Association a most hearty welcome. Bro. D. C. Burson responded in a brief, pleasing talk in behalf of the messengers.

12. Corresponding Messengers present were:

J. W. Stewart– Orphanage.
N. A. Taliaferro—Howard College.
W. D. Hubbard—Conecuh Association.
W. A. Parker, Sr.—State Mission Board.
W. Y. Quisenberry—Montgomery Association.

13. The Moderator announced the following committees to report during the session:—

Religious Services—Pastor and Deacons of Ackerville church.
Finance—C. Hardy, D. C. Burson, W. H. Watt.
State of Religion and Digest of Letters—J. I. Kendrick, C. T. Little, T. A. Cowart.
Request and Nominations—W. R. Maxwell, P. Williams, J. B. Harper.
Apportionment—J. F. Fore, R. E. Coleman, E. I. Bailey, J. L. Glenn, J. L. Henderson.

14. Bro. D. C. Burson read the report on Sunday, Schools. After an interesting discussion by Brethren Fletcher, Cook, Burson, Fore, Stewart, and Burson, it was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Sabbath Schools are the highest grade of free schools, and comes on a day that our God demands to be kept holy, so we see it is not

only for children, but all who love to keep the commands of our Lord.

Early training, we all know, is best—morally and religiously. For scriptural example, see David, Joseph, Samuel, Timothy and the little boy Christ at twelve years of age, and by experience and observation, the best men and women of our churches, where the spiritual and financial life grew out of early training.

There are said to be 25,000,000 Sabbath Schools and 250,000,000 teachers in the world. But when we come to our own Association, with a membership of over 2,000, we find from last year's report that only nineteen churches out of twenty-eight reported Sabbath Schools and 884 pupils. It is indeed sad for over 1,500 professing Christians to have nothing to do with Sabbath Schools, for a great many included in that report are small children. This year sixteen churches report Sabbath Schools with 684 pupils. Paul certainly did not mean what a great many seem to think when he said "Quit you like men"—to quit the Sabbath School, but, we think, the reverse: quit staying away from church and Sunday School. Paul tells us not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together, and if we have believed with the heart we should confess with the mouth, and to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is a sin.

Now, as to literature, most of our churches, with a few dollars, can be supplied with our own denominational literature, published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, at Nashville, Tenn.; also, the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia. And we are persuaded that no Sabbath School does much without our literature, and then the spirit of missions will grow stronger. And our boys and girls will become as chief corner stones in the Master's service.

Christians, do your part, God will do his, and rising generations will rise up and call you blessed.

A. P. Majors, Chairman.

15. Brd. J. I. Kendrick reported for the Committee on Religious Services that Bro. W. A. Taliaferro will preach to-night at eight o'clock; and Bro. W. A. Parker, Sr., will preach the annual Missionary sermon to-morrow at 11 a. m.

16. On motion the Association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Bro. Fletcher.

FIRST DAY—Night Session.

17. As anounced by committee on religious services Bro. W. A. Taliaferro, preached to an appreciative congregation from Rom. 13:11.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

18. The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. Breithaupt.

19. Minutes read and approved.

20. A committee consisting of Brethren J. L. Henderson and M. D. Smith was appointed to visit Mt. Pisgah and Shackleville churches, and report at the next session of this body.

21. Report on Ministerial Education was read by J. W. Riley, Jr. It was discussed by Brethren Huckabee, Hubbard, and Taliaferro. Pending the discussion of this report,

22. Bro. S. C. Cook read report on Denominational Education. Then followed a lengthy and interesting joint discussion by Brethren Stewart, Hubbard, Parker, Taliaferro and Quisenberry, and the adoption of the two reports.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

There has never been a period in American history when the subject of education has received as much attention as at the present. Rapid strides in every branch of learning, especially in the professions. A certain degree of proficiency must be attained in the profession of law, medicine, etc., before the one proposing to practice the same can legitimately do so. Now if it is necessary for the temporal welfare of the people that these safegurads be placed around our professions, how much more important that we use the same precaution to protect their spiritual interests.

Infidelity, atheism and other doctrines that are detrimental to the cause of Christ, are abroad in the land, and we naturally look to our ministry to teach the people the way in which they should go, and thus protect them from these pernicious doctrines and influences. Then, how necessary it is that we have them thoroughly educated in all the branches of learning, so they can draw the sacred truth from the great fountain of God's word, and present them with such logical force as will refute any arguments which the enemies of the cross of Christ can bring forth.

At this particular period of our history, when the new fields of Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines are being again opened for the reception of the Gospel. how important it is that we have competent men in the ministry to teach these benighted people, to overcome their ignorance and superstition, and lead them from the errors of their way to the knowledge of the true and living God.

In view of all these facts, let us as a band of Christians, as Baptists, arouse from our lethargy and come up to the full measure of our duty in this important matter. Let us assist our noble young men who are called of God to preach the gospel, and who expect to consecrate their lives to his service, and who feel the need of an education, and are striving to complete it, in order that they may become a potent factor in the great work of winning souls to Christ.

The following information in regard to the ministerial department. of Howard College has been furnished your committee by Bro. W As Hobson:

"There were in Howard College last year thirty-two (32) ministerial students; of this number seventeen (17) asked for help, eleven (11) had their entire expenses paid, six (6) only had part of their expenses paid, while fifteen (15) paid their own expenses, eleven (11) did regular preaching, eleven (11) preached occasionally. About 800 sermons were preached by the students during the last session. The Board assumed $1,726.50 for ministerial students. At the close of the session $1,025.80 of this had been paid. The Board borrowed the balance of $699.70 due the College and settled in full. This note is due at bank Sept. 20, and the Board has less than $200 of this amount in hand."

Your committee notes with great pleasure the increased number of

ministerial students at the Howard last session, and also the increased amount of work by them. There is a vast field around Birmingham, in which these young ministers can do a great work for the Master while pursuing their literary course, and we are gratified to note that they are taking advantage of it.

Your committee recommend that this association and the churches composing it will come to the relief of the Board at once and relieve it of its present embarrassment, and also co-operate with it in the future in its great work of educating young ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. M. Hestle, Chairman.

DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Of all the subjects that claim the attention of the Pine Barren Association there are none of more importance to us as Baptists than denominational education. It is to some extent the rock upon which rests our strength numerically, and the field wherein our sons and daughters should be rooted and grounded in the Baptist faith. Some one has said, Let me write the songs of a nation and I care not who may write its history. Let our children be educated in our denominational schools and colleges, where they will be surrounded by the moral and religious influences that pervade those institutions, and they will be better guarded in after life against the darts of infidelity and the sins and temptations that are sure to beset them. Character, to a very great extent, is made by the schools and colleges we attend, and the manner in which we are educated. Some one has said, I am a part of all that I have met. If this be the case, let us see that our children are at all times surrounded by the best influences, for the boy is said to be father to the man, then let us educate our children at those schools where the better elements of their nature will be brought out. That alone is true education which combines the education of both heart and mind. While it instructs the mind in the arts and sciences, and prepares it to grasp their hidden truths, while it teaches to measure the comet's flight and to know and number the very stars, it neglects not to point the child to Bethlehem's Star that taketh away the sins of the world. Our denominational schools—Howard College and the Judson Institute—combine this higher education, and have sent out from their portals young men and women bright and shining stars in the Christian and literary world, which has been made better and wiser by their having lived therein. Let us, then, as Baptists come up boldly to the support of our Baptist schools, encouraging and sustaining them by our prayers, our money and our patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. Cook.

23. At 11 a. m. Bro. W. A. Parrker, Sr., preached the annual Missionary sermon from Matt. 6:33; a collection was taken amounting to $14.10.

24. The Association adjourned to meet at 2 p. m. Prayer by Bro. Quisenberry.

25. The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Bro. Fore.

26. The report on State Missions was offered by J. G.

Reynolds. It was ably discussed by Brethren Parker and Fletcher.

27 The report on Home Missions was then read by Bro. W. N. Huckabee.

28. The report on Foreign Missions being ready, it was offered by Bro. Jas. I. Kendrick. A lengthy discussion of the three reports followed by Brethren Quisenberry and Huckabee, after which the three were adopted as follows:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Your Committee on State Missions beg to make the following report:

To all earnest workers in the cause of Christ the necessity for enlarging and supporting the State Mission Board is evident.

The object of the board is not simply to supply men with work and homes, or to look to the interests of the work in their particular section, but to spread the gospel in all destitute parts of the State.

Your committee notes with pleasure that the reports of the board are more encouraging; that there has been an increase in the number of those who contribute regularly for missions, and that the field and office secretaries are pushing the work.

There are many sections that yet need our assistance, and out of the 120,000 Baptists in Alabama, there should be many more than the estimated 12,000 now helping to promote the cause. It is not only the duty but the privilege of every Christian to cast in his mite for this all important work.

The traveling evangelists sent out by the board are laying the subject before the people of the State, and through this medium our churches are being awakened.

Your committee recommends that the pastors of the association lay the claims of the State Board before their people early in the year, preaching on missions and taking their collections regularly.

Develop this phase of mission work and soon we shall see signs of prosperity along all lines of our denominational work.

May God speed the day when all our people shall be deeply concerned for the souls of men. Respectfully submitted,

J. G. Reynolds,
J. E. Knight,
J. L. Glenn.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Home Missions submit the following report:

1. The report submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention last May shows that there were laboring under the appointment of that board 467 missionaries, whose field of operation extended over every State and territory in the bounds of the Convention, and also in Cuba.

2. The receipts of the board last year amounted to $86,887.27, of which amount Alabama is credited with cash and donations in shape of clothing, etc., with $2,800.82, or about 2 1-2 cents per member of the denomination. This Association for last conventional year gave $132.85, or about six cents per member. These figures, which in the aggregate foot up a large sum, show that Southern Baptists are not very enthusiastic on the subject of home missions. Some of our most enthusiastic defenders of the work of the board spend in one day for tobacco more than is given per capita in one year for missions, while

others spend more for alcoholic beverages than they do for the Lord's cause at home and abroad. These statements may seem a little extravagant, but nevertheless they are facts.

3. We would call attention, in the third place, to the opportunity afforded Southern Baptists upon the island of Cuba. We have already a good footing there and it behooves us as the conservators of scriptural truth to see that this truth shall be preached wherever an opportunity presents itself.

Respectfully submitted,

W. N. HUCKABEE, Chm'n.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Foreign missions is the sending of the gospel to those in foreign lands. This enterprise is in accordance with the Savior's parting command to "make disciples of all nations." It is a recognition of the fact that the Savior meant something when he said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The heathen who die without the gospel are as truly lost as those who die here at home without Christ. As Southern Baptists we are doing mission work in six different foreign lands: China, the greatest mission field in the world, Japan, Mexico, Brazil, Italy and Africa. In all this vast territory the great host of Southern Baptists have only about seventy-five missionaries, besides the ordained and unordained native helpers. But it is a source of gratification to your committee that the blessing of God has rested richly upon their self-sacrificing labors. In the last report of the Foreign Mission Board we find these words:

"We are glad to announce that many converts have been baptized on the fields in which our missionaries have been laboring. Especially in China and Brazil have the workers been made to rejoice as they have seen large numbers added to the churches and new centres of interest opened to the messengers of the cross. In Japan, in Africa, and in Italy, the work shows steady progress. In Mexico our cause has not prospered as much as we would like to have seen, though in some of the missions there good progress has been made."

In the above named six foreign lands there are one hundred and two organized Baptist churches. During the past year ending with the month of April, seven hundred and one souls were baptized into the fellowship of these churches, making an aggregate membership of forty-seven hundred and sixty.

While this is true, we regret to note the further fact that the contributions of Southern Baptists to foreign missions during the past year were more than two thousand dollars less than they were the year previous. This is true, notwithstanding the last report showed a balance in the treasury. The balance was due to a cutting down of the work. The contributions of the Baptists of Alabama for the past year to foreign missions were more than six hundred dollars less than they were the year before. The average contribution of the nearly one hundred and twenty thousand Baptists in Alabama to this cause for the past year was a little less than five cents per capita, while that of the average Baptist in the Pine Barren Association was only a small fraction over four cents per capita. In the opinion of your committee at least three things are necessary to change this state of affairs: First, a deeper conviction of the fact that the heathen are really lost without the gospel and a fresher realization of what it means to be lost. In the second place there is great need of information about foreign missions in general and of the work of our Foreign

Mission Board. We take pleasure in calling attention to the Foreign Mission Journal, and urge that all who take and read it seek to get others to do so. The third need is the practice of New Testament principles in giving. Paul says in I Cor. 16:2: "Upon the first day of the week let each of you lay by him in store as he may prosper." This means that each one is to give something, and that that something ought to be given regularly and ought to be in proportion to the ability of each. Respectfully submitted,

J. I. KENDRICK,
For Committee.

29. On motion the special collection of $14.10 was appropriated to State Missions.

30. Bro. W. N. Huckabee briefly stated the condition of Bro. Moore, of Butler Springs after which a collection was taken amounting to $11.94 and donated to that Brother.

31. On motion committee on assessment was authorized to make apportionment for the various churches, for the Minute fund.

32. A motion was then made by Bro. W. N. Huckabee and carried, to place Bro. S. Moore's name on list of Indigent Ministers.

33. Committee on Requests and Nominations made report through Bro. J. B. Harper.

The Committee on Request and Nomination beg leave to report as follows:—

Executive Committee—J. I. Kendrick, J. K. P. Robson, W. H. Watt, J. E. Knight, J. L. Skinner.

To preach annual sermon—Dr. D. W. Ramsey; alternate A. P. Majors.

To preach the annual Missionary sermon at 11 a. m. Thursday—J. I. Kendrick; alternate F. M. Fletcher.

Delegate to Southern Baptist Convention—W. A. Parker, Jr.; alternate J. G. Reynolds.

Next session to convene with Mt. Moriah Church, Wilcox, Co., on Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1899, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Respectfully submitted,
W. R. MAXWELL,
PRESTON WILLIAMS,
J. B. HARPER.

On motion Bro. W. A. Parker, report was amended to read Friendship church, Pine Apple, Ala. Report as amended was adopted.

34. A committee consisting of the Moderator, Clerk and J. I. Kendrick, was appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the late treasurer, J. W. Purifoy.

35. On motion the Executive Committee was empowered to appoint a delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention should neither the delegate nor alternate be able to attend.

36. The Association adjourned to meet at 7:30 p. m. Prayer by Bro. Fort.

SECOND DAY—NIGHT SESSION.

37. The Association met with prayer by Bro. W. A. Parker, Jr.

38. The report on Orphanage was presented by Bro. J. I. Kendrick. It was discussed at length by Brethren Stewart, W. A. Parker, Sr., Ramsey, Fletcher, Huckabee, and Kendrick. A collection was taken amounting to $20.55. The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON ORPHANS' HOME.

We beg to submit the following report:

The name of our Orphanage is "Louise Short Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home of Alabama." The first steps taken towards its establishment was when Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson made known to the State Baptist Convention in November, 1890, that she would give all her real estate for the maintenance of a Baptist Widows' and Orphans' Home in Alabama. The Home was temporarily located at Evergreen Jan. 16, 1893. The present financial secretary was asked to take the management of it (without remuneration), he being then pastor at Evergreen. It was opened in a small rented house March 10, 1895, to receive its first inmates. By November of that year we had received twenty-two children, and the trustees decided to locate it permanently. After duly advertising for bids for a location, Evergreen was chosen, and property was purchased, consisting of eighty acres of land lying on Main street, thirty of which is in cultivation, thirty in pasture and twenty in woods. The buildings were a ten room brick house and three tenement houses. The purchase price was $5,000, which, with interest on the deferred payments, amounted to $5,400.33. This debt was promptly paid. The boys are taught to do farm work, the girls to do various kinds of home work. All that are old enough attend the Agricultural School, where no tuition is charged. The matriculation and incidental fees amount to from five to eight dollars per year for each pupil. All attend Sunday-school and church. Fourteen of them have joined the church. The current expenses are about six dollars per month for each child. Since the Home was started 94 children have been received. Have sent out 41, leaving in the Home 53. The current expenses now will not fall far short of ten dollars a day. We owe about $800, which we must pay if we are to dedicate the Home free of debt Oct. 20th. With what we shall need for our daily expenses till then, we shall need $1,000 between now and Oct. 15th. Important improvements have been added to the Home, giving us another brick building with ten rooms; all the former house renovated and much improved; adequate water works, and a complete system of sanitation. These improvements cost about $3,500.

Money is greatly needed. We hope to dedicate the house free of debt Oct. 20th. Brethren, help us.

Respectfully submitted,

B. W. WATSON,
J. L. SKINNER,
W. N. J. STEWART.

39. The Association adjourned to meet at nine o'clock tomorrow morning.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

40. The Association assembled at 9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. Harper.

41. Minutes read and approved.

42. After a few touching remarks made by Dr. Ramsey, Brethren J. I. Kendrick, and W. N. Huckabee, on death of the late Treasurer, Bro. J. W. Purifoy, the following tribute to his memory was unanimously adopted:

Since the last meeting of this Association, Bro. J. W. Purifoy, who had been the highly esteemed and most faithful Treasurer of this body for twenty-one years, has passed to his reward. As brethren who have been associated with him, and who fully appreciate his many excellencies as a Christian and officer, we embrace this, our first opportunity, to pay our tribute to his life and character. While we deeply mourn his death, we shall ever cherish a loving remembrance for him. We extend to his bereaved loved ones our heartfelt sympathy and love. We are again reminded, brethren, that we all must soon give an account of our labors. Let us be active and faithful in our Master's cause, and may the work of every one of us be as true and faithful as that of our beloved and deceased brother.

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. Ramrey.
J. G. Reynolds,
J. I. Kendrick.

43. The report on Temperance after being read by Bro. J. L. Glenn, and discussed by Brethren Fletcher, Huckabee, Parker and Riley, was adopted.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance report that, being temperate in all things is progress in the right direction. The extreme wickedness of the liquor traffic will appear to any one who will study the nature of the business closely. That it is wrong is perfectly clear to all; that the more of this business any country supports the more poverty and crime there will be. A great deal has been said and written on temperance, but little done. The Psalmist tells us that which we desire we seek after. Brethen, if the words of the Psalmist be true, we should use every effort to keep the young men of our country from participating in the evil habit of strong drink. Look at the widows and orphans! Look at our jails that are filled and the murder that is committed on account of strong drink! Young men, I appeal to you all as your friend to abandon the use of strong drink. If each individual would sit down calmly and reflect for himself upon the heavy tax assumed by himself when he indulges in the use of strong drink, and then note carefully the effects produced upon his health, spirit and business prospects, he will certainly be constrained to call a halt and resist one of the worst evils now in existence.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. Fore,
C. L. Grimes,
W. L. Fort,
Committee.

44. Bro. J. B. Harper offered the report on Denominational Literature and after being briefly discussed by Brethren Kendrick, Huckabee, Parker, Fore, and Dr. Ramsey, was adopted as follows:

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE.

Upon reviewing this subject your committee finds that from time to time printed reports have been made, and yet we fear that there is still a lack of interest taken among the Baptists on this subject.

We, as Baptists, know that Baptist principles, and Baptist doctrine cannot be properly instilled into the minds of our children, unless they have Baptist literature from which to get information.

And first of all Denominational Literature, we urge and recommend the study of the Word of God, for out of it we get all our Baptist principles and doctrines. If this was not so I do not believe we would be commanded to search the Scriptures. We further recommend the use of the Southern Baptist Convention Sunday-school Literature in the Sunday-schools, though we have no objection to the American Baptist Publication Society's Literature.

The organ of the Baptist denomination of Alabama is the Alabama Baptist, published in Montgomery, Ala., and we urge the members of this Association to take that paper and keep themselves posted upon our work in our own State, for we believe it is for want of information in our own borders that the spirituality of our churches is at such a low ebb.

We also recommend the Foreign Mission Journal. It keeps us posted on our work in foreign lands. From it we learn of the progress our denomination is making in the far off lands to which our missionaries have gone.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. HARPER,
WM. CATER.

45. In the absence of the chairman the report on Woman's Work was read by the Clerk. It was adopted after a discussion by Brethren Riley, Burson, Fletcher, Kendrick, Ramsey, and Parker.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

It gives us pleasure to report that there is increased activity and interest manifested throughout the States that have membership with the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention. Especially is this noticeable among the young women constituting the membership of our Young Ladies' Aid Societies. It is beautiful to see with what promptness and zeal the various committees meet and prepare their reports. They have many ways of procuring money for both home and foreign missions, Sunday Schools and ministerial education. The entire receipts of the Woman's Missionary Union for the year are $58,293.51; Home Missions, $35,636.24; Foreign Missions, $21,633.51; Sunday School work, $1,023.76; of this amount Alabama has paid to Foreign Missions, $990.08; Home Missions, $2,800.82; Sunday School work, $103.08. We hope that in the coming year there will be greater interest taken in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. L. BAILEY, Chairman.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

46. Moderator anounced committees to report at next session of Association. (See 3rd page cover.)

47. Bro. J. F. Fore, Chairman, reported for the Committee on Apportionment which was adopted as follows:

REPORT ON APPORTIONMENT.

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report:

	General Purposes.	Minutes.	Orphanage.
Ackerville	$ 25 00	$ 1 50	$ 10 00
Allenton	20 00	1 50	5 00
Bear Creek	20 00	2 00	5 00
Bell's Landing	10 00	1 00	5 00
Bethel	12 00	1 00	5 00
Bethsaida	100 00	4 00	25 00
Butler Springs	10 00	1 00	3 00
Camden	15 00	1 50	5 00
Concord	40 00	2 00	10 00
Enon	25 00	1 50	5 00
Forest Home	65 00	2 50	20 00
Fellowship	30 00	1 50	20 00
Flat Creek	2 00	25	1 00
Friendship	100 00	4 00	20 00
Gullette's Bluff	10 00	1 00	5 00
Indian Springs	10 00	1 50	2 00
Midway	20 00	1 50	5 00
Monterey	7 00	50	3 00
Mount Pisgah	10 00	1 00	5 00
Mount Pleasant	25 00	1 50	5 00
New Hope	20 00	1 50	5 00
New Providence	10 00	1 00	5 00
Pine Level	10 00	1 00	2 00
Pleasant Hill	7 00	50	3 00
Pineville	25 00	1 50	10 00
Rockwest	15 00	1 00	5 00
Shackleville	10 00	50	5 00
Spring Hill	10 00	1 00	2 00
Total	$ 667 00	$ 39 75	$ 210 00

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. FORE,
R. E. COLEMAN,
E. I. BAILEY, SR.,
J. L. GLENN,
J. L. HENDERSON,
Committee.

48. Bro. C. T. Little read report on Digest of Letters.

49. A special feature of the hour was the verbal reports called for by the Moderator from the messengers, as to the spiritual condition of the various churches.

Report adopted. (See Statistical Report.)

50. Report on Finance made by C. Hardy. Adopted.

51. The report of Executive Committee was offered by J. G. Reynolds, and adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

We have endeavored to hold Fifth Sunday meetings during the year, but were able to hold only two, one at Mt. Moriah and one at Furman. It is a source of regret to your committee that the churches have not shown as much interest in these meetings as they should have done.

After mature deliberation we decided to abandon the effort to have an associational missionary. The chief reason for this decision was that the pledges made by the churches to this object amounted to enough to employ a man for only half his time, and we failed to get churches to co-operate with us in this work and take the man for the other half of his time.

Upon the death of our faithful and efficient treasurer, Bro. J. W. Purifoy, we elected Bro. P. E. Wallace to serve in that capacity for the remainder of the associational year.

With reference to raising an amount to defray traveling expenses of delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, which was committed to us, we regret to report that only about one-fourth of the churches responded to this plea.

J. G. REYNOLDS, for Committee.

52. The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the members of the Ackerville Church and community in general for the courteous and generous hospitality extended to the messengers and visitors in attendance upon the Association.

53. Adjourned at noon with the song, "God be with you till we meet again" and giving the parting hand to meet with the Friendship Baptist Church, Pine Apple, Wilcox County, Ala., Wednesday before the third Sunday in September, 1899, at eleven a. m.

D. W. RAMSEY, MODERATOR.

J. G. REYNOLDS, CLERK.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION, 1898.

CHURCHES.	STATE MISSIONS.		HOME MISSIONS.		FOREIGN MISSIONS.		ASSOC'N'L MISSIONS.		MINISTE'L EDUCAT'N		ORPHAN'S HOME.		Minutes.	HOME EXPENSES.			Total.	Value of Property.
	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.	Cash.	Voucher.		Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Sunday Schools.		
Ackerville	$	$ 12 03	$ 2 14	$ 5 41	$	$ 5 31	$	$ 2 50	$ 3 30	$ 1 70	$10 00	$	$ 1 00	$ 200 00	$ 135 00	$ 7 50	$ 335 80	$ 750 00
Allenton				8 00	5 00	1 00			5 00	1 00	4 45	7 00	2 00				33 45	100 00
Bear Creek	3 00		3 50		3 50								1 50	90 00	500 00	2 50	604 00	590 00
Bell's Landing	2 10	96	1 50	1 00	1 20	1 30			1 00		5 00		40	100 00	5 00		120 96	1000 00
Bethel																		250 00
Bethsaida	12 30	37 65		49 53	62	45 52		3 50		20 00		61 71	2 75	500 00	45 00	35 63	814 21	1500 00
Butler Springs			1 75		1 75		5 00						75			4 40	13 65	500 00
Camden		19 15											50				19 65	1500 00
Concord	6 00		6 00		6 11			14 85			5 00		2 00	150 00	12 00		201 96	800 00
Enon		7 00			2 00	3 00		2 00				2 00	1 35	72 00	9 45		98 80	800 00
Fellowship		5 40	2 90		6 20			2 75	2 00		10 00		75	150 00			180 00	500 00
Flat Creek											1 50		50				2 00	
Forest Home		15 30	5 00		10 00				5 00		3 76	5 00	2 00	200 00	49 00	6 75	301 81	800 00
Friendship		45 00	12 50			12 00			12 50			25 65	4 00	350 00	66 62	14 57	542 84	1500 00
Gullett's Bluff	2 90	90									2 50		1 00				7 30	300 00
Indian Springs			1 50		1 00		7 50				2 00		45	93 00		2 40	107 85	600 00
Midway			2 30											86 00	20 00	4 25	112 55	1000 00
Monterey																		400 00
Mt. Pisgah																		300 00
Mt. Pleasant			1 87				5 62	1 00		2 90	95		20	84 00	12 65	3 00	112 19	500 00
New Hope	2 05				6 20	5 00						1 05	60				14 90	600 00
New Providence	4 50		2 50		2 00						2 00		50				11 50	250 00
Pine Level													1 00				1 00	250 00
Pineville	2 45		2 40		3 00				1 00		2 40		1 25	200 00	15 00	5 00	232 50	1000 00
Pleasant Hill	1 85	2 40									3 00			44 00	11 50	3 60	66 35	85 00
Rockwest		4 00			5 25						4 25		1 00				14 50	500 00
Shackleville																		200 00
Spring Hill	1 00	1 50	1 00		1 00												6 05	150 00
Collections at Ass'ns	14 16										20 55		1 00				46 65	
Total	$52 31	$ 151 29	$46 86	$63 94	$54 83	$73 13	$18 12	$26 60	$29 80	$25 60	$77 36	102 41	$26 50	$2319 00	$ 881 22	$89 60	$4052 56	$ 17625 00

Contributed for College Buildings: Bell's Landing—cash, $1.50. For Indigent Ministers: Spring Hill—cash, 55c; Col's at Ass'n. $11.94.
Contributed by Women's, Young People's and Children's Societies: Bethsaida—for Missions, voucher, $44.22; Orphan's Home, v. $38.95. Ackerville—Home Expenses, v. $20.50.
Contributed by Sunday Schools: Bear Creek—School Expenses, $2.50. Bethsaida—School Expenses, $36.63; Orphan's Home, $5.26. Friendship—Orphan's Home, $3.00.

STATISTICS OF PINE BARREN ASSOCIATION, 1898.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERK AND POST-OFFICE	S. S. SUP'T AND P. O.	Membership last Reported.	Incr'se By				D'cr'se By				Present Membership	S. S. Officers and Teachers.	Sunday School Pupils	Preaching Sabbaths.
						Baptism.	Letter.	Voucher.	Restoration.	Letter.	Exclusion.	Erasure.	Death.				
Ackerville	Wilcox	J. I. Kendrick	P. T. Little, Ackerville	C. T. Little, Ackerville	114					10	4			100	11	36	2
Allenton	"	D. W. Ramsey	W. M. Fitzgerald, Allenton	W. M. Fitzgerald, Allenton	46					5			1	40	8	45	4
Bear Creek *†	"	I. S. Ridgway	D. P. Watts, Caledonia	D. J. Philpot, Caledenia	86	4	7		1		3		1	94	4	40	1
Bell's Landing	Monroe	C. H. Morgan	O. W. Shivers, Sallie		19	8				2			1	24			3
Bethel	"		W. L. Whisenh'nt, Lockvil'e		73									73			
Bethsaida *†	Wilcox	J. I. Kendrick	W. M. Purifoy, Furman	J. S. Skinner, Furman	181	10	2		1	6	2		4	181	11	50	1&3
Butler Springs	Butler	W. N. Huckabee	J. P. Vickery, Butler Spr'ng	H. E. Carter, Pine Flat	64					4			2	58	6	39	4
Camden	Wilcox		J. P. Fairly, Camden	E. I. Bailey, Sr., Camden	83					22				60	7	40	
Concord†	Monroe	B. H. Crumpton	J. J. Finklea, Buena Vista	M. V. Middleton, Buena V	113	24	6			4				139	8	60	4
Enon * †	Wilcox	A. P. Majors	E. Burson, Fatama	T. D. Majors, Chestnut	101	10	2		1	3			2	109	2	25	4
Fellowship †	"	W. A. Parker, Jr.	C. S. Scott, Montery		60	7				2			1	64			3
Flat Creek	Monroe				2									2			
Forest Home †	Butler	W. A. Parker, Jr.	W. H. Watt, Forest Home	W. A. Glenn, Forest Home	104	3	4			4			3	104	6	49	2
Friendship * †	Wilcox	D. W. Ramsey	H. E. Milton, Pine Apple	H. E. Melton, Pine Apple	238	9	10			19	4			234	13	75	1&3
Gullett's Bluff †	"	F. M. Fletcher	A. C. Sellers, Camden	J. D. Stitlings, Nellie	42	3				3	1			39	4	25	4
Indian Springs	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	J. E. Fore, Riley	C. L. Grimes, Turkestan	77	3			1		2		1	78	5	40	3
Midway †	"	W. N. Huckabee	J. E. Anthony, Abbott	J. S. Brooks, Activity	113	18	1	1				1	1	152	6	50	1
Monterey	Butler		T. E. Knight, Monterey		19									19			
Mt. Pisgah	"		J. T. Dean, Starlington		70									70			
Mt. Pleasant †	Monroe	W. N. Huckabee	S. J. Byrd, Simpkinsville		156	14	2	1	1	6	2	3	1	162			2
New Hope	"	A. P. Majors	J. R. Maxwell, Fork	W. M. Davidson, Fork	69	7				3		2	1	70	4	30	2
New Providence	Wilcox		G. G. Newell, Nellie		22	2								24			
Pine Level	Butler	W. H. Cheatham	W. B. Taylor, Greenville		29		5			1	1		5	27			3
Pineville	Monroe	B. H. Crumpton	Wm. Ivy, Pineville	J. B. Harper, Pineville	76	7	2			3		8	3	77	4	85	2
Pleasant Hill †	Wilcox	F. M. Fletcher	M. F. Bonham, Camden	M. F. Bonham, Camden	27	3		1						31	5	35	2
Rockwest	"	C. H. Morgan	W. P. Murphy, Rockwest		35	1				1				35			1
Shackleville	Butler		J. J. Fail, Shackleville		43									43			
Spring Hill	Monroe				49									49			
Total					2116	133	39	3	5	98	19	9	27	2161	104	681	

* Reports Prayer Meeting. † Reports Revival.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

State Missions—W. A. Parker, Jr., Chairman, Forest Home, Ala.; W. H. Watt, J. E. Knight.

Home Missions—J. K. P. Robson, Chairman, Furman, Ala.; B. W. Watson, P. E. Wallace.

Foreign Missions—C. Hardy, Chairman, Pine Apple, Ala.; C. F. Brown, J. R. Melton.

Denominational Education—F. M. Fletcher, Chairman, Camden, Ala.; F. Tait, D. J. Fail.

Denominational Literature— D. C. Burson, Chairman, Canton Bend, Ala.; Ernest Hestle, Dennis Fort.

Sunday Schools—O. J. Burson, Chairman, Buena Vista, Ala.; M. V. Middleton, W. R. Maxwell.

Temperance—J. L. Skinner, Chairman, Furman, Ala.; J. W. Luckie, J. L. Watson.

Ministerial Education—E. K. Robbins, Chairman, Ackerville, Ala.; W. A. J. Stuart, W. Y. Thigpen.

Woman's Work—S. C. Cook, Chairman, Nellie, Ala.; C. C. Sellers, Floyd Cook.

Orphanage—J. F. Fore, Chairman, Pine Apple, Ala.; D. P. Watts, D. C. Sadler.